



## CHAPTER 4

## CURRENT OPERATIONS

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Throughout 2005, the Marine Corps continued to demonstrate the versatility and flexibility of Marine Corps operating forces in leading the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT). Whether supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom with a Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) of more than 23,000 Marines or providing advisor training teams in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Marine Corps continued to demonstrate the relevance of the MAGTF in a dynamic world.

## Current Operations

During the past year, Marines have continued to demonstrate their versatility and flexibility across the spectrum of the GWOT. U.S. Marines continue to lead Multi-National-Force-West and are responsible for training the Iraqi force, providing stability and security, and conducting counter-insurgency operations (COIN) in the Al Anbar Province of Iraq. The II Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) of 23,000 Marines replaced I MEF during the spring and has significantly enhanced coalition force capabilities by shifting the MEF's primary focus from Coalition centric counter-border security operations to partnership operations with the Iraqi Security Forces. This effort enabled the successful execution of interim elections, the constitutional referendum, and the election of a permanent government during December.

In Afghanistan, USMC helicopter and EA-6B support ended in the spring of 2005, although Marines continue to support Operation Enduring Freedom via a reinforced infantry battalion and three Embedded Training Teams with the Afghan National Army. The purpose of these teams is to train, mentor, and operate their respective Afghan battalions and brigades.

Marines continue to execute the GWOT in the Horn of Africa, Republic of the Philippines, and the Western Pacific. Marine Reserve Tank and Artillery Battalions continue to provide security to Camp Lemonier, Djibouti and Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force Philippines in Mindanao, while Marines from Fleet

Anti-Terror Security Team companies are conducting Enhanced Maritime Interdiction Operations in the Philippine Sea.

## SECURITY COOPERATION

The Marine Corps deploys Marines around the world to assist partners in developing capabilities that promote interoperability, information sharing, military education and training, and TTPs. During FY05, the USMC trained 400 students from 62 different countries in our formal schools. We deployed over 550 security cooperation advisors and trainers (over 400 in support of OIF/OEF alone) to assist foreign militaries develop capabilities ranging from recruit training to combat skills and anti-terrorism. Additionally, USMC maintains a \$985M Foreign Military Sales (FMS) portfolio of equipment and logistics contracts to foreign militaries. In FY05, Marine Corps Systems Command applied approximately \$20M of the proceeds of these sales to USMC replacement systems, e.g. Lightweight 155mm Medium Towed Howitzer (LW155), Medium Tactical Vehicle Replacement (MTVR), and Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle (EFV). USMC maintains 35 Personnel Exchange Program (PEP) billets with 6 countries to enhance cultural and technical exchanges and hosts 25 Foreign Liaison Officers who represent their home countries to various commands around the Corps and provide a valuable exchange of information and ideas.



## HUMANITARIAN ACTION AND DISASTER RELIEF OPERATIONS

From 4 September to 4 October 2005, over 2,650 Marines and Sailors, from both the active and reserve components, executed search and rescue, humanitarian relief, and disaster recovery operations in Louisiana and Mississippi. Once again, the flexibility and responsiveness of the Navy/Marine Corps Team was exhibited. With over 30,000 Marines forward deployed in support of GWOT, those at home ably responded when their fellow Americans needed help. Survivors were rescued, streets were cleaned, food and water were distributed, transportation was provided, and medical care was administered in six separate locations throughout Louisiana and Mississippi. In all, Marine helicopters flew 815 sorties transporting 1.1 million tons of cargo and 5,248 survivors. A total of 446 rescue missions were conducted resulting in the rescue of 1,467 personnel.

During October, 220 Marines and Sailors from III MEF were deployed to Pakistan in support of relief efforts as a result of a devastating earthquake. This unit

provided humanitarian assistance and medical support to Pakistan, and continues to provide this support in the new year.

## EXERCISES

While the Marine Corps remained deeply committed in support GWOT, training exercises continued to prepare Marines for future commitments. All Marine units deploying in support of GWOT received extensive stabilization and security operations (SASO) training prior to deployment, and MEU (SOC) work-ups continued to prepare units for upcoming deployments and commitments. Other Marines from III MEF and Marine Forces Reserve also continued to participate in extensive Exercises in support of Combatant Commanders.

## COUNTER DRUG OPERATIONS

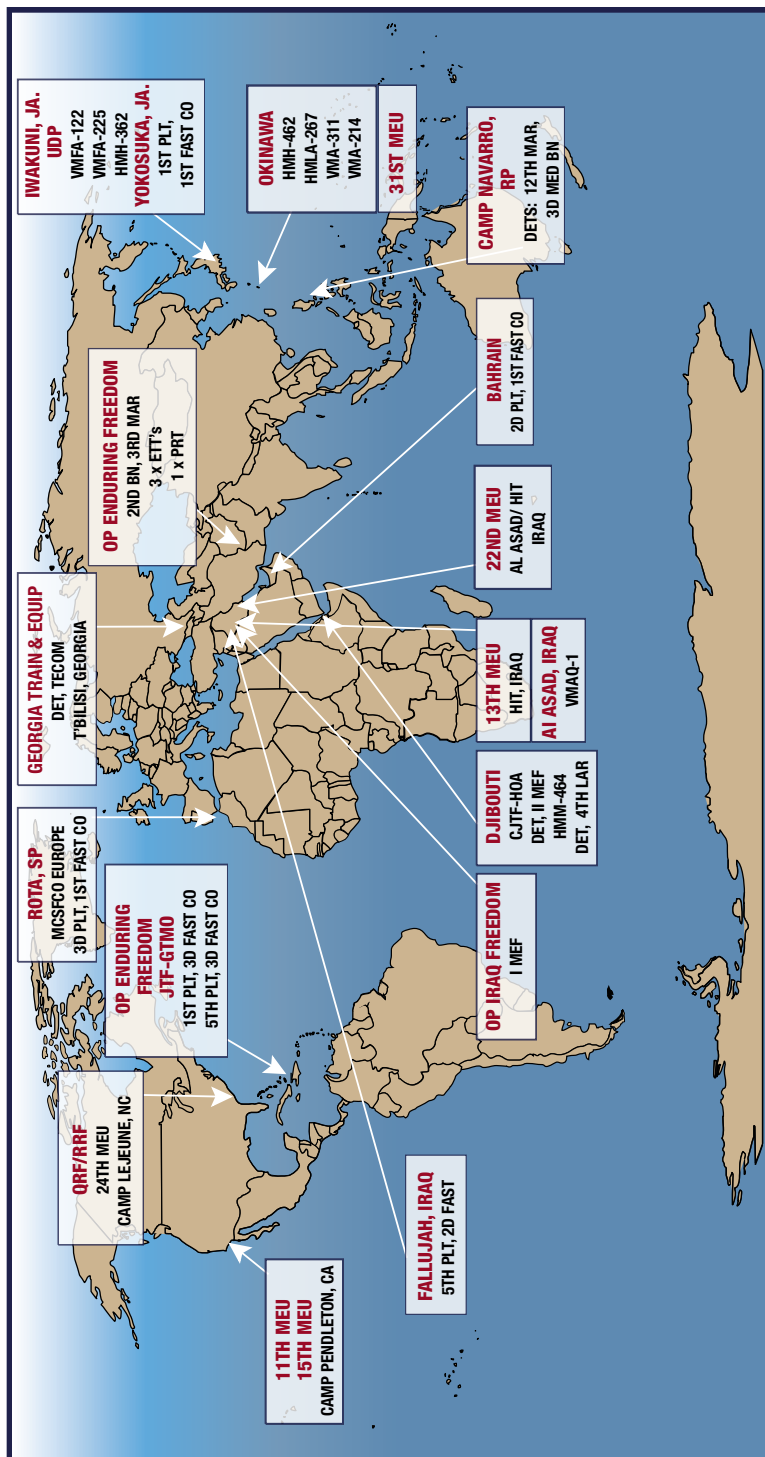
The Marine Corps continued to contribute to the Nation's counter drug effort during 2005, participating in numerous counter drug missions in support of Joint Task Force Six (JTF-6), Joint Interagency Task Force East (JIATF-E), and Joint Interagency Task Force-West (JIATF-W). These missions were conducted on federal lands along the U.S. southwest border, and in several domestic "hot spots" that have been designated as High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas. Individual Marines and units are assigned to these missions in order to provide support to domestic drug-law enforcement throughout the United States. Marines of Marine Forces Reserve executed the vast majority of these missions.

# USMC Operations Matrix

DATE	LOCATION	MISSION
Nov 00 - Present	Kosovo Sarajevo & Tuzla Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina	Staff Augments Staff Augments Staff Augments
Sep 01 - Present	CONUS/ Guam/ Diego Garcia	Air Defense, Contingency Response
Dec 01 - Present	Kabul, Afghanistan	Embassy Security
Dec 01 - Present	Guantanamo Bay, Cuba	Security, Staff Augments
Jan 02 - Present	CENTCOM AOR Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgistan	Combat Operations
Jan 02 - Present	PACOM AOR Phillipines	Security and Medical Augmentation
Nov 02 - Present	CENTCOM AOR Horn of Africa	Anti-Terrorist Operations and Theater Security Cooperation
Nov 02 - Present	EUCOM AOR Republic of Georgia	Georgian Security Assistance Program (GSAP)
Jan 03 - Present	CENTCOM AOR Iraq	Combat Operations
Oct 03 - Present	EUCOM AOR (PTDO)	NATO Operational Reserve Force
Dec 04 - Feb 05	PACOM AOR Sri Lanka, Indonesia	Humanitarian Operations/ Disaster Relief Operations

FORCE	DESCRIPTION OF ACTION
Individual Augments Individual Augments Individual Augments	Operation JOINT GUARDIAN Operation FERVENT ARCHER Operation JOINT FORGE
Elements of 2D and 3D MARDIVs, 1ST MAW, CBIRF	Provide air defense, quick/ready reaction, and incident response forces in support of CINCNORAD, CINCPAC, and Operation NOBLE EAGLE
Det, 2D BN, 6th MAR, 4TH MEB (AT)	Provide security at the U.S. Embassy Compound
Det, 4TH MEB (AT)/FAST PLT, and Individual Augments	Provide security and staff augmentation in support of JTF-GTMO and Operation ENDURING FREEDOM
3D BN, 3D MAR, 2D BN, 3D MAR; Elements of 2D & 4TH MAW and TECOM	Conduct combat operations in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM; provide training and instruction to the ANA
Elements of 3D MARDIV and 3D MLG	Provide security and medical support of U.S. forces deployed in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM - Phillipines
Det, 2D MARDIV, Det, 4TH MEB (AT), Det, HMH-461	Conduct anti-terrorist operations and theater security cooperation within the Horn of Africa in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM
Dets, II MEF, TECOM	Provide training in company level tactics and the Marine Corps Planning Process to elements of the Georgian Armed Forces
II MEF, 2D FAST CO (-), Det B, 4TH ANGLICO, and Individual Augments to MNF-I & MNC-I	Conduct SASO ISO of the Iraqi Government; provide security in support of the U.S. mission in Baghdad; provide combined arms coordination for the multi-national division - South East Operation IRAQI FREEDOM
INF BN, 2D MARDIV	Provide ready reaction forces in support of CDRUSEUCOM, and U.S. forces deployed to the Balkans
15TH MEU; III MEF (-) Rein	Provide Humanitarian Assistance & Disaster Relief to Tsunami ravaged areas

## Selected Marine Corps Deployments 2005





## Early 2006 Marine Corps Deployments

